

MRS. STANFORD WAS POISONED

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upon a prescription from Dr. Stillman. This prescription was filled for me. I have freely taken these capsules, since 1901. Now that I think of it, I think I have had the prescription since 1899, the year we started on a long voyage abroad.

"The bicarbonate was Mrs. Stanford's. The last occasion when Mrs. Stanford took the bicarbonate was, I think, the week following New Year's. This was the last time she used it to my knowledge. I also took some then and felt no ill-effects. I do not know that Mrs. Stanford or anyone else had the bottle refilled since that time. I think it was the same bottle we used then. She used bicarbonate frequently. I think I am safe in saying once a week.

"The packing for the Honolulu trip was done February 14. Mrs. Stanford indicated in my presence the articles she wished packed in the medicine basket. I saw the soda bottle laid aside. The packing was finished on the morning of February 15.

"In the San Francisco house the soda was kept in a small medicine cupboard attached to the wall in the alcove where her washstand was. The bottle was packed in the trunk that Mrs. Stanford took to San Jose on the 23rd of January, and was brought back in that trunk on returning to the city on the 8th of February. Mrs. Stanford on returning to San Francisco went to the St. Francis hotel. The soda remained in the trunk, so far as I know, from the time we left San Jose until the time we reached San Francisco again, when it was sent direct to the city house. The trunk never went to the St. Francis. We took only night clothes to the hotel.

"The soda was out in the house for a week, from the time we arrived in San Francisco until the day we sailed for Honolulu. It was on the center table in the room where the packing was done. This room was open during the day. Mrs. Stanford had eleven servants. The room where the soda was, was accessible to all the servants. When we came here the soda was packed in a telescope basket, newly bought. The basket was taken to the Korea by an expressman. I know that it was stated that the baggage must be ready for him at a certain hour.

"The basket in which the soda was was in Mrs. Stanford's room on the steamer. The maid occupied the lounge in her room, the first two days. I occupied the lounge in the adjoining sitting room. Then the maid became very ill and we changed places. The medicine basket was used on the trip but not the soda to my knowledge. The basket was brought to the Moana Hotel and taken to Mrs. Stanford's room.

THE FIRST ALARM.

"The night Mrs. Stanford died I heard my name called. I had retired but did not go to sleep at once. In fact, I think I was awake over an hour. I was roused out of my sleep by hearing my name called. I did not recognize the voice at once. Immediately after I heard May's name called and recognized Mrs. Stanford's voice. The names were close together for she called 'May' before I could get up. She spoke this way: 'Bertha-May-I am so sick.' We rushed out and found Mrs. Stanford clinging to the frame of her door. She said, 'Bertha, run for the doctor!' I ran to the elevator and rang the bell and found the elevator, ascending as I was in the act of ringing. I told the elevator boy to run to Dr. Humphris's room and ask him to come to Mrs. Stanford's room as quickly as possible and not to wait to dress.

"As I started for the elevator the gentleman in the room next to Mrs. Stanford's, Mr. Hennisch, opened the door and ran ahead of me and down the stairs. After speaking to the elevator boy, I started back and saw Mrs. Stanford coming toward me, a few steps in the hallway, saying again, 'Bertha, I am so sick.' She put her arm around my shoulders, leaning on me, and I led her into her room. I begged her to go to her bed and lie down but she said 'No' so I brought a chair and tried to induce her to sit down but she stood for a minute longer and said, 'I have no control of my body. I think I am poisoned again.' I said, 'Mrs. Stanford, do sit down, you must drink some warm water.' I began to draw hot water at the washstand and filled a glass and held it to her lips, but she said, 'I cannot drink it, my jaws are set.' She turned her face up to mine and I rubbed her cheeks, making her face pink, and said to her, 'Now try it,' and held up the glass again, and she did drink the whole glass and another glass of warm water, May and I rubbing her limbs. Then the doctor arrived. She drank in all six or seven glasses of warm water, this with a view of inducing vomiting.

"After Dr. Humphris arrived it was some time before Dr. Murray arrived. Mrs. Stanford made several statements before she died. When Dr. Humphris arrived Mrs. Stanford remarked to him, 'Doctor, I think I am poisoned. Won't you bring a stomach pump and pump out my stomach?' Then she turned to me and said, 'Bertha, tell the doctor, what has happened to us,' referring to that matter in San Francisco.

"I explained to Dr. Humphris, briefly, what had happened in San Francisco, saying that we were giving Mrs. Stanford warm water, hoping to make her vomit, as we were told vomiting had saved her life. Dr. Humphris inquired what Mrs. Stanford had taken and who had given it to her. I replied that she had taken a dose of cascara and some soda. Mrs. Stanford remarked: 'I took it myself. I had forgotten it, rose again and took it.' Mrs. Stanford then asked the doctor: 'Can't you give me something to make me vomit?' Asked again for the stomach pump, which the doctor said he had ordered brought out and to spare neither horse nor cost, Mrs. Stanford asked to be given some ipecac to make her vomit and I remember hearing the doctor remark: 'It might affect the heart,' saying that

he was giving her mustard and water to make her vomit. He tried to comfort her, bidding her not to be afraid. Hot water arrived from the kitchen and I placed Mrs. Stanford's feet in a pail of hot water while the doctor was rushing for his medicine bags. He came back to the room with two bags and prepared some medicine; also prepared a hypodermic injection. For a short interval the rigidity of her muscles relaxed. I comforted her by the remark that she was better. She was in a profuse perspiration, as discovered when rubbing her spine.

"Then she remarked to the doctor, 'Another spasm is coming on,' saying, 'Oh, God, forgive me my sins,' and 'Is my soul prepared to meet its dear ones?' Then she said, 'This is a horrible death to die!' Dr. Humphris gave her some medicine. A violent spasm came on, from which she did not recover. This must have been about 12 o'clock. I heard some one say so, but who it was I don't recall.

"Mrs. Stanford was born in Albany, N. Y., August 25, 1828, and at her death was in her 77th year."

ANDREWS ASKS QUESTIONS.

At this point Attorney General Andrews asked Miss Berner about Mrs. Stanford's use of bicarbonate and witness stated that she did not use it when under the care of physicians as she used only what they prescribed. The maids and the housemaid, Nora Hopkins, knew of Mrs. Stanford's habit of using the soda. She did not believe the present maid or the new butler knew. The duties of none but these persons would lead them into the place where the soda was kept. Witness was not present when the Poland water was given Mrs. Stanford in San Francisco but understood that Miss Richmond had brought the water from the kitchen where the bottle was uncorked by a Chinaman and had heard that the bottle stood a long time before Mrs. Stanford drank it. The cascara capsules were Miss Berner's own.

ATTITUDE TOWARD SUICIDE.

In response to questions from the Deputy witness stated that Mrs. Stanford never read about suicides and said that the details of such cases distressed her and expressed pity for people who could be driven to take their lives.

In regard to the room in which Mrs. Stanford slept there was a dresser against the door leading into the next room. The windows were screened, there was a balcony outside. Witness thought that the room was locked when Mrs. Stanford was out, that was in the maid's charge.

Mrs. Stanford never stated any suspicions regarding the San Francisco poisoning to witness and the only conversation relating to it in Honolulu was that with Mrs. Henry Highton. Mrs. Stanford did not refer to this conversation in talking to witness. The water taken in San Francisco had a bitter taste, witness tasted it. In a postscript statement Miss Berner explained the unusual interval between the doses of soda taken New Year's week and that on the fatal night by saying that Mrs. Stanford was under the doctor's care until a week before leaving for Honolulu and that she had been very sparingly while packing on the steamer so that she probably was not troubled with acidity of the stomach and did not need the medicine.

DR. WOOD'S TESTIMONY.

Dr. C. B. Wood of the Queen's Hospital, who performed the autopsy, was the next witness. He described the condition of the body in detail. There was a most marked rigidity of the muscles such as accompanies strychnine poisoning. The blood vessels were full and a small quantity of dark liquid blood was found in the heart. There were no blood clots.

These two important statements were made by Dr. Wood. "There are no post mortem appearances which are absolute proofs of death due to strychnine, but all the appearances generally found in known cases of strychnine poisoning correspond to the appearances found in this autopsy."

"The examination of the organs failed to show any sufficient cause of death. The appearances were those given in the text-books as those following strychnine poisoning, but no other sufficient cause of death was found—that is, no disease was found in the bodily organs which could have caused death."

STATEMENT OF DR. DAY.

Dr. F. R. Day was next called and told of his being summoned to attend Mrs. Stanford. She died just before he arrived. When he first saw the body he was struck by the rigidity of the position of the feet, suggesting death in a spasm. He tasted the soda from the bottle and it had a bitter taste.

Dr. Day completely corroborated Dr. Wood's statements concerning the autopsy and strengthened the poisoning theory. The absence of clotting in the blood was a condition usually found in cases of strychnine poisoning. All the organs were in a normal condition, practically. Dr. Day stated that he came to the conclusion that there was no pathological cause of death—that is, there was no disease of any of the organs to account for it. There was no reason for death naturally.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session convened at eight. Dr. Harvey F. Murray was the first witness called. He told of being recalled by Dr. Humphris between 11:30 and 11:40 to attend Mrs. Stanford. He found the patient's head thrown back and her body quite hot. Her fingers were firmly clasped with the thumbs pressed in upon the palms. The soles of the feet were turned up, instep arched and eyes bulging. Life may have been extinct or practically so. The body was placed on the bed, when the jaw dropped and had to be tied up with a handkerchief. With Dr. Day I retired to Dr. Humphris's room, where he had brought Mrs. Stanford's bicarbonate and capsules and the vessel containing vomit, which we afterward turned over to the Deputy Sheriff.

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"On March 1, I attended the autopsy. There were purplish spots on the cheeks, ears and most of the body. The hands were still clenched. The organs of the body were in a normal state. The stomach had very little water in it. From the absence of food liquid would have been quickly absorbed and even if a stomach pump had been available it would have done no good. Indeed, it might have brought on spasms earlier. 'Mrs. Stanford died in a spasm and my opinion is that the cause was strychnine poisoning. If I had been called without anyone telling me about the case I should have suspected strychnine poisoning.'

DR. HUMPHRIS.

Dr. Humphris was the next witness. He described how he was called to Mrs. Stanford's room. She was standing near a wash basin and said: "Doctor, I have been poisoned! Get a stomach pump!" She was then standing by a wash basin drinking hot water.

"How do you know you have been poisoned?" I asked.

"I have been poisoned before," she said.

"I turned around to Miss Berner and asked what she meant. Mrs. Stanford said to her: 'Tell him what has happened to us.' Miss Berner told me how near her mistress came to being poisoned in San Francisco. Mrs. Stanford told me she had been thrown from bed at that time by a spasm. Dr. Humphris questioned the maid about the medicine taken and inspected it. All this time Mrs. Stanford was drinking hot water to induce vomiting. I went out of the room to get some mustard and to telephone Dr. Day for a stomach pump. On my return Mrs. Stanford said several times she was going to die, and said she hoped she was fit to meet her family.

I was mixing various remedies in order to produce further vomiting. As I started to give her a mixture of chloral and bromides, and had put it to her lips she said: "My jaws are stiff." I felt them and they were so. She then said: "It is a horrible death to die," and immediately became totally rigid, the respiration stopped and she never breathed again. The spasm lasted about three minutes.

When she ceased breathing the soles of the feet turned inward, the insteps were very much arched and the toes pointed strongly upward. The knees separated and her head fell slightly back. Her eyeballs were very prominent, and the pupils dilated. Her jaws were fixed. The thumbs were dug into the palms, the fingers were contracted, and the jaws were fixed.

Ten minutes elapsed between the time I entered the room and the final spasm. Dr. Murray came in and later Dr. Day. The condition of spasm was still there.

I then took possession of the vessel in which she had vomited, and the tumbler and spoon with which the mixture had been mixed and took them to my room accompanied by Drs. Murray and Day. Then I ordered a carriage and went down to town to notify the authorities.

Dr. Humphris declared that there were no indications of a natural death. All signs were consistent with strychnine poisoning. "Is it your opinion that Mrs. Stanford did not die of natural causes?" queried the coroner.

"Absolutely," was Dr. Humphris's reply. "She died of strychnine poisoning."

THE MAID'S TESTIMONY.

Miss May Hunt, Mrs. Stanford's maid, made a pleasing impression. Speaking of the packing of Mrs. Stanford's wardrobe, previous to coming here, the following colloquy was had:

"Did you pack the medicine chest?"

"I did."

"Did you recollect that you packed a bottle of bicarbonate of soda in the chest?"

"Yes, sir."

"From where did you take it?"

"From a table in the sitting room where we were doing the packing. There were a number of bottles there, all of which I packed in the medicine chest."

"Who selected the bottles?"

"Mrs. Stanford."

"How many days did this bottle of bicarbonate of soda remain on the table in that room?"

"I think it was there all the time." "Just state the time?"

"Six days from February 9 until we left."

"Did you place the bottle on the table yourself?"

"No."

"Who put it there?"

"I don't know."

"How many servants are employed at Mrs. Stanford's house?"

"Seven," counting up on her fingers.

"During the time this bottle was on the table who was there assisting you in packing, and who made the selection?"

"Mrs. Stanford selected her clothing. Miss Berner was there too."

"Was the room locked or unlocked during the day?"

"It was open. It had three entrances."

"Was there any time when you, Mrs. Stanford and Miss Berner, were absent from the room together, and for my length of time?"

"Oh, yes; we were in and out of the room quite often."

"During your absence these three entrances would be open?"

"Yes."

Miss Hunt went on to describe Mrs. Stanford's spirits on the voyage, which were good. During the time of her stay here until her death she seemed in good spirits and spent her time largely in driving, walking and shopping. Miss Hunt did not recall at first a talk she had had with Mrs. Stanford in San Francisco in which suicide was mentioned. She afterward recalled it about as follows: When the alleged poisoning in January was being discussed Mrs. Stanford said to the maid: "How dreadful it would be if anything had happened to me—people might have thought that I had taken my own life."

Miss Hunt added that the word suicide might have been mentioned. In fact, she believed it had been used.

The concluding testimony about the events of the tragic night agreed with Miss Berner's.

An adjournment was then taken until 3 p. m. today.

There will be a band concert this evening at the Palama railroad depot. The jury in the \$5000 Chinese damage case could not reach a verdict and were held over for the night.

Charles T. Wilder, Wade Warren Thayer and Theo. F. Lansing, arbitrators in the suit for dissolution of the liquor-dealing partnership of Seeley I. Shaw vs. J. S. Canario, have made their findings and awards. Expenses of arbitration are \$704. Assets of co-partnership are placed at \$51,033.81, and liabilities \$30,422.80, leaving a surplus of \$20,611.01.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

NAHIKU SUGAR COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Nahiiku Sugar Co. held at Honolulu on Wednesday, March 1, 1905, the following named directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

H. P. Baldwin, John Waterhouse, W. O. Smith, J. P. Cooke, Geo. M. Rolph. And at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the same date, the following officers were elected to serve for the same period:

H. P. Baldwin.....President
J. P. Cooke.....1st Vice-President
John Waterhouse.....Treasurer
Geo. M. Rolph.....Secretary
D. B. Murdoch.....Auditor

GEO. M. ROLPH, Secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

PULUHU PLANTATION CO., LTD.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pulehu Plantation Co., Ltd., held at Honolulu on Monday, February 27, 1905, the following named directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

H. P. Baldwin, W. O. Smith, Geo. M. Rolph, J. P. Cooke, John Waterhouse. And at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the same date, the following officers were elected to serve for the same period:

H. P. Baldwin.....President
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C. H. Atherton.....Secretary
L. T. Peck.....Auditor

The above named officers, constitute the Board of Directors same period.

C. H. ATHERTON, Secretary Castle & Cooke.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

KIPAHULU SUGAR COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Kipahulu Sugar Company, held in Honolulu on Monday, March 6, 1905, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

J. F. Hackfeld.....President
H. A. Isenberg.....Vice-President
W. Protenhauer.....Treasurer
F. Klamp.....Secretary
A. Haneberg.....Auditor

The above officers also constitute the Board of Directors.

F. KLAMP, Secretary.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

WAHIAWA WATER COMPANY, LIMITED.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Wahiawa Water Company, Ltd., held in Honolulu on Thursday, February 23, 1905, the following named directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

E. D. Tenney, W. W. Goodale, W. A. Bowen, C. M. Cooke, Byron O. Clark, and at the meeting of the Board of Directors held the same date the following officers were elected to serve for the same period:

E. D. Tenney.....President
W. W. Goodale.....Vice-President
W. A. Bowen.....Secretary and Treasurer
J. L. Pvormann.....Auditor

W. A. BOWEN, Secretary Wahiawa Water Co., Ltd.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

EWAL PLANTATION COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Ewa Plantation Company held in Honolulu on Thursday, February 23, 1905, the following named directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

E. D. Tenney, C. M. Cooke, C. H. Atherton, W. A. Bowen, W. R. Case, and at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the same date the following officers were elected to serve for the same period:

E. D. Tenney.....President
C. M. Cooke.....Vice-President
C. H. Atherton.....Secretary
W. A. Bowen.....Treasurer
T. R. Robinson.....Auditor

C. H. ATHERTON, Secretary Ewa Plantation Company.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

THE WAIMEA SUGAR MILL CO.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of The Waimea Sugar Mill Co. held in Honolulu on Friday, February 24, 1905, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

W. E. Rowell.....President
J. A. Gilman.....Vice-President
C. H. Atherton.....Secretary
W. A. Bowen.....Treasurer
T. R. Robinson.....Auditor

The first four named officers together with W. T. Schmidt were also elected to serve as the Board of Directors for the same period.

C. H. ATHERTON, Secretary The Waimea Sugar Mill Co.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

WAIALUA AGRICULTURAL COMPANY, LIMITED.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Waialua Agricultural Co., Ltd., held in Honolulu on Thursday, February 23, 1905, the following named directors were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

E. D. Tenney, C. M. Cooke, C. H. Atherton, W. A. Bowen, F. J. Lowrey, and at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the same date the following officers were elected to serve for the same period:

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T. R. Robinson.....Auditor

C. H. ATHERTON, Secretary Waialua Agricultural Co., Ltd.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

KOHALA SUGAR COMPANY.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Kohala Sugar Company held in Honolulu on Monday, February 27, 1905, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

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C. H. Atherton.....Vice-President
C. H. Atherton.....Secretary
W. A. Bowen.....Treasurer
T. R. Robinson.....Auditor

The above named officers also constitute the Board of Directors for the same period.

C. H. ATHERTON, Secretary Kohala Sugar Company.